REMARKS

In the Office Action of July 3, 2003, independent Claims 27, 44, and 45 were rejected based on U.S. Patent No. 5,901,209 to Tannenbaum et al. As noted by the Examiner, the earliest effective filing date of Tannenbaum et al. is *after* the earliest effective filing date of the present application. Accordingly, Tannenbaum et al. does not qualify as prior art to the present application. However, the Examiner stated that certain claim elements are not supported in the parent application of the present application and, accordingly, Tannenbaum et al. can be used as prior art. Applicants respectfully disagree.

The criticized claim element in independent Claim 27 recites providing the modified calling party identification number to the called party, whereby the called party receives an identification of the group associated with the calling party instead of an identification of the calling party. The other independent claims contain similar elements. These elements are supported in Applicants' specification at, *inter alia*, page 7, lines 11-13 and page 10, lines 19-24, which are reproduced below:

> Based on whether the privacy services access code was dialed, the response can include a calling party identification presentation parameter set by the SCP.
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> In forming the response, the SCP honors a privacy indicator for the calling party. Hence, if the user dials a privacy access code (such as "*67"), the call is anonymous. Further, if a user has per-line blocking, the blocking is honored by the SCP. Consequently, the service restricts the passing of the calling party identification parameter for both per-call and per-line privacy indicators.

These passages teach that a calling party identification presentation parameter is passed to the called party unless a privacy indictor is used to restrict the passing of the calling party identification parameter (dependent Claims 35, 51, and 68-71 related to the privacy indicator feature). The calling party identification parameter referred to here has been modified to an

identification number of a group associated with the calling party. Accordingly, passing the calling party identification presentation parameter provides the modified calling party identification number to the called party, as recited in the claims. Because the calling party identification parameter has been modified to an identification number of a group associated with the calling party, what the called party receives is an identification of the group associated with the calling party instead of an identification of the calling party, as recited in the "whereby" clause. In summary, because the claims are supported by Applicants' specification, the claims are entitled to the parent application's filing date. Accordingly, Tannenbaum et al. is not prior art, and the rejections of the claims based on Tannenbaum et al. should be removed.
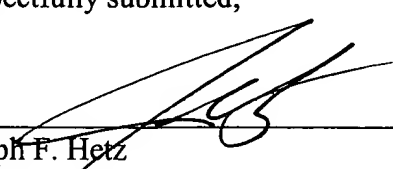
Finally, Applicants have amended dependent Claims 70-71 to correct a typographical error. In view of these amendments, the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejections of those claims should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections against the claims and submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. If there are any questions concerning this Amendment, the Examiner should contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4719.

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